

CE179: Cemetery Terms and Conditions update (KJ)

To review the current terms and conditions and agree any changes

Suggested changes

- Contact email and telephone number
- Define residency entitlement clearly to eliminate needing to use judgement, and to allow for consistent & fair application to all persons paying for services in the cemetery
- In the case of a grave re-open, where the plot was purchased at a resident rate, resident fees will apply (no-one else is going to likely use that grave. That being said, the Council could re-use the space after EROB lapsed)
- Remove minimum height restriction on headstone memorials
- Formalise, in writing, the existing policy whereby the Council only allows single ownership of graves, with the exception of the biological parents of a deceased child, who may wish to jointly own the grave of their child
- If agreed, allow for, by including in the regulations, the biological parents to have their ashes interred within the earthen grave of a deceased child (max 2 sets of adult ashes within a child's grave)
- Remove "turfing" of graves as Matt says they no longer do this, only sprinkle seed - it creates a false expectation
- Include scooters and roller blades under restricted equipment
- Prohibit consumption of alcohol or drugs within the burial grounds
- Provisioning for disabled visitors
- Advise that burial registers made be viewed by appointment - as opposed to at any reasonable time
- Disallow the pre-purchase of cremated remains plots (Reasons, Matt says skipping graves can cause alignment issues, odd gaps in cremated remains section, not selling at current price, admin burden)
- Memorial Benches in the Cemetery
- Memorial Trees/Roses/Shrubs in the Cemetery
- Scattering of Ashes? Nothing done in Priory, recorded in the Cemetery grounds - inconsistent - Scattering only on a grave - paid for service
- Exclusive Right of Burial Extensions ??
- include document and change control on the Burial Regulations document
- Offer public graves, no EROB, no headstone?
- Make it clearer that no trees are to be planted
- Formalise, in writing, the existing policy whereby EROBs can only be transferred to another person who is entitled, and via the legal process adopted by the Council

Changes to procedure (reflected in fee changes, as opposed to the Burial Regulations themselves)

- Triple Graves? Quadruple Depth Graves - in readiness for when EROBs lapse
- Fee reduction for two sets of cremated remains being interred at the same time
- Exclusive Right of Burial Extensions ??
- Grave selection fee